



Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office (PSIC) Multiple Projects Updates May 8, 2012

Presented to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)

Key Matters

- PSIC is seeking an interoperable communications subject matter expert with public safety experience. Interested parties should contact Justin.Turner@azdoa.gov.
- The FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) informed OEC the first week of April that 46% or \$66.5M of the \$143.4M Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) funding awarded to States over 3 years has yet to be drawn down. Please engage with AZDOHS if you haven't already done so to ensure plans are in place to appropriately expend this funding within the established timeframes.
 - Arizona IECGP Fund Status (*Note: Data was received from FEMA GDP as of April 6, 2012*):

	Current Obligated	Current Drawdowns	Current Balance
FY 2008	\$797,224.00	\$794,118.00	\$3,106.00
FY 2009	\$923,912.00	\$619,981.82	\$303,930.18
FY 2010	\$831,500.00	\$41,400.00	\$790,100.00

- Key Upcoming Events
 - La Paz County TICP Kickoff Workshop
May 9, 2012 – 9 AM to 4 PM
La Paz County Boating Safety Center
8484 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ
http://www.azpsic.gov/news/2012/LaPaz_TICP_Kickoff_Flyer_05092012.pdf
 - SCIP Implementation Workshop – Strategic Planning (See below)
May 22, 2012 – 9 AM to 4 PM
Carnegie Center (main floor)
1101 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007
http://www.azpsic.gov/news/2012/SCIP_Workshop_Flyer_05222012.pdf
 - Yuma County TICP Update Workshop
June 6, 2012 – 9 AM to 4 PM
Cocopah Hotel / Resort
(928) 722-6677
15268 S. Avenue B, Somerton, AZ 85350
http://www.azpsic.gov/news/2012/Yuma_TICP_Update_Flyer_060612.pdf
 - APCO / FCC Narrowbanding Webcast
June 5, 2012 – 11 AM (AZT)
Event Registration:
<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=456078>

Governance (SCIP Initiatives #1 - 3)

- Arizona SCIP: The annual review and update to the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) will focus this year on developing action plans for implementation of key strategic initiatives. The PSIC Office, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), will be hosting a SCIP Implementation Workshop on May 22, 2012 that evaluates what we have learned from the NECP Goal One and Two processes, analyzes gaps, and evaluates alternatives in order to develop a streamlined actionable SCIP.

Our Planned Schedule for SCIP Updates is as follows:

February - March: Interviews with key State and local personnel & data gathering

April – May: Open Public Comment Period

April 17: Review and Discussion with PSCC

May 8: Review and Discussion with SIEC

May 22: SCIP Implementation Workshop – Strategic Planning; Carnegie Center, 1101 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

June 4 - 21: Draft SCIP to PSCC, SIEC and public for review and comment

June 28: Final Draft SCIP distributed to all stakeholders

July 17: PSCC Action Item for Updated SCIP Approval – PSCC Meeting during Law Enforcement Pow-Wow, Flagstaff

- NECP Goal Two Gap Closure:
 - Current focus is on the creation and update of County/Regional TICPs. An update with more information on State-wide TICIP status was provided to the PSCC at its April 2012 meeting (see presentation for details).
- CASM & TICPs:
 - The PSIC Office is providing CASM templates and requesting additional data from non-participating agencies (agencies who did not give us data during the Goal Two process). In addition, we are requesting verification / data updates from all agencies with data currently in CASM.
 - A new CASM template and separate guidance document have been placed on the PSIC website: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/casm/>.
 - An Arizona specific CASM User Account Request / Approval Form (for CAM Only Access) is available on the PSIC Website: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/casm/>.
 - The Arizona Central Region (Phoenix UASI) TICIP Update & ACR-FOG Development –The TICIP update and the ACR-FOG are nearly complete and just need some statewide assets included and some local jurisdiction edits. Options for publication of the ACR-FOG are being reviewed.
 - Coconino County TICIP – The TICIP was completed earlier this year and adopted by the County LEPC on April 25, 2012. It was tested during the Coconino County/PFAC wildland full scale exercise on April 28, 2012.
 - La Paz County received a TA award to develop a TICIP which documents interoperable communications governance structures, technology assets, and usage policies, and procedures. A kickoff meeting for this effort will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 (see Key Upcoming Events above). For more information, contact Justin Turner at Justin.Turner@azdoa.gov.
- National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) Monitoring:
 - ADOA, ASET, AZDOHS, DPS and PSIC met with the Governor's staff on March 13th, 2012:
 - Reviewed H.R. 3630 and what it means to Arizona
 - PSIC and ADOA-ASET will take the lead in developing public safety broadband strategy and recommendations for the Governor's Office
 - PSIC will garner input and advice from PSCC, SIEC, Digital Arizona (ADOA-ASET), 9-1-1 Office (ADOA-ASET), DPS, AZDOHS and stakeholders statewide, in other states & at the Federal level in researching and developing recommendations

- PSIC will serve as central point of contact to ensure that all interested parties get uniform and consistent information about our processes and plans and that we become aware of all interested parties
- The PSCC was briefed on the current state of the NPSBN and approved the formation of the AZPSBN working group at the April 17th meeting.
- The PSIC Office was asked to participate in a panel discussion on the NPSBN at the Southwest Border Communication Working Group meeting in Yuma on April 25th, 2012. Robert Rhoads of the Office of Emergency Communications (DHS) gave a presentation on the national view and Michael Britt presented material giving the State's perspective on the overall Network.
- NPSTC is currently developing a new resource website, the Public Safety Broadband Directory: <http://www.npstc.org/broadbandDirectory1.jsp>.
- PSIC continues to participate on the NPSTC "Priority and Quality of Service" and the "Local Control" Working Groups, as well as the Public Safety Spectrum Trust – Operator Advisory Committee (PSST-OAC).
- PSIC will attend the Public Safety Broadband National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) working group meetings in Boulder, CO, May 23-25 and the quarterly NPSTC national meeting in Alexandria, VA, June 4-8, 2012.
- For more information on Broadband issues, see today's presentation or contact Michael Britt at Michael.Britt@azdoa.gov.

SOPs (SCIP Initiative #4)

- The PSIC Office, in cooperation with the Interoperability Channels Plan working group, has updated the minimum equipment standards, which had not been reviewed since January 2007 (see today's SIEC presentation). For additional information, or to provide input, contact Michael Britt at Michael.Britt@azdoa.gov.
- Regional Communications Systems Connection (RCSC) Project Status:
 - Executive summary and technical timeline – complete
 - Multi-agency IGA – pending approval by TRWC
 - Multi-agency SOP – complete
 - Pilot test with DPS and YRCS – complete and successful
 - Deployment Schedule – to be developed

Technology (SCIP Initiatives #5 - 9)

- Narrowbanding: As of May 7, 2012, 78.5% of Arizona transmitter licenses have been modified to be Narrowband only (21.1%) or Narrowband & Wideband (57.4%). Currently, 21.5% of licenses are wideband only - 2.9% decrease since April 8.
 - To aid communities in monitoring the progress of narrowbanding efforts in their area, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) released a Narrowband status reporting tool, the Narrowband Summary Tracker, to go along with the Narrowband License Status Tool. Both tools are available online at: http://publicsafetytools.info/narrowband/start_narrowband.php
 - The PSIC Office is reaching out to Arizona license holders who currently have not modified their license to reflect a transition to narrowband in an effort to determine their narrowbanding plans.
 - The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will present a Narrowbanding Webcast on June 5, 2012 – 11 AM (AZT) (see Key Upcoming Events above):
 - FCC representatives will provide details regarding the FCC's enforcement process and the waiver process for extensions beyond the deadline, including what the FCC looks for when evaluating waiver requests.
 - APCO staff will discuss the likelihood of interference to and from neighbors caused by a 25 kHz system not narrowbanding by the deadline and the potential for resulting FCC involvement.
 - Interested parties may register for the webcast online at: <https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=456078>

- AIRS (Initiative #5):
 - Next Generation AIRS Plan – See today's presentation. To participate in the development of the plan, or for more information, contact Michael Britt at Michael.Britt@azdoa.gov.
- Support of Regional Communication Systems (Initiative #6): YRCS BIDP – A request for technical assistance to update the Yuma countywide TICP was approved by OEC in January. The full-day TICP update workshop will be held on June 6th (see Key Upcoming Events above). For more information contact Stephen Holland, Assistant IT Director of Telecommunications with the City of Yuma at Stephen.Holland@yumaaz.gov.
- State Agency Operability in support of Interoperability (Initiative #9) – The RICO Project is progressing. Five of six sites have been activated. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for identified agencies to utilize the System-Wide Calling Channel have been developed. Letters of interest will be going out to those agencies with an invitation to sign the MOU, accept/install the free equipment, assist in finalizing the SOP and begin usage of the System-Wide Calling Channels.

Training & Exercise (SCIP Initiatives #10 & 11)

- AIRS Training Materials – DVDs, stickers, and training curriculum are available upon request. The training program is also available online at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/airs/>.
- OEC is working in collaboration with the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) to identify potential best practice models for state COML Recognition Programs. The information will be used to design and deliver webinars to be vetted by members of NCSWIC and leveraged by all 56 States and territories.
 - OEC will schedule and host the best practice webinars featuring varying approaches to help SWICs gain a better understanding of how COMLs are becoming credentialed in other areas of the country in order to create or improve their own State processes.
 - Arizona's Recognition Program is considered a model for the webinar, and the AZ SWIC and PSIC Office are working with OEC and NCSWIC to develop the webinar format, content and deliverables.
- Arizona Regional All-Hazards COML Recognition – As of May 2012 there are 15 recognized COMLs from 4 counties. Today's NIMS-CU Workgroup presentation recognized the individual who was most recently added to the Resource List (online at: www.azpsic.gov/library/com/): Everett Wittig, Jr., Bisbee Police Department.
- COML / COMT Training
 - The PSIC Office scheduled three spring All-Hazards COML Training Courses, utilizing IECGP funds:
 - **COMPLETE:** Cochise County – Sierra Vista, April 2-5, 2012
 - **CANCELLED (due to low enrollment):** Gila County – Globe, April 16-19, 2012
 - **COMPLETE:** Coconino County – Flagstaff, April 30 - May 3, 2012
 - The second COMT course to be offered in the State was held in Maricopa County, April 9-13, utilizing SHSGP 2011 funding.
- COML Field Day – Planning continues for a Training Field Day to provide additional training to interested COML candidates. The Field Day was originally targeted for spring delivery, but has been postponed to a date later in the year due to procurement delays, as well as weather and wildland fire season. For more information contact Suesan Nordman at Suesan.Nordman@azdoa.gov.

Usage & Outreach (SCIP Initiative #12)

- Statewide Education and Outreach Plan Regarding Public Safety Communications Interoperability ("Outreach Plan") – Presentation provided to SIEC today. PSIC is currently gathering feedback and welcomes all [stakeholder input](#). The 2011 Outreach Plan is available online at: www.azpsic.gov/initiatives/
 - The following targeted interoperability topics are being considered for inclusion in the 2012 Outreach Plan:
 - FCC Narrowbanding Compliance
 - National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)
 - NECP Gap Closure (Regional Interoperability Planning: CASM, TICPs & SCMPs and other Resources)
 - The Draft Plan will be emailed to interested parties for feedback and posted on the PSIC website for a 2 week comment period.

Recent Activities

April 2 - 5 – COML Course (Sierra Vista)
April 3 – East RAC Grant Review Meeting
April 4 – North RAC Grant Review Meeting
April 6 – Central RAC Grant Review Meeting
April 9 - 12 – COMT Course (Phoenix)
April 17 – PSCC Meeting (Phoenix)
April 25 - 26 – Southwest Border Communications Working Group Meeting and Demonstration (Yuma)
April 30 – May 3 – COML Course (Flagstaff)
May 4 – RPC (700MHz) and ARRC (800 MHz) meetings (Phoenix)
May 8 – SIEC Meeting (Phoenix)

Upcoming Key Dates

May 9 – La Paz County TICP Kickoff Workshop (Parker)
May 9 – Tucson UASI Meeting (Tucson)
May 22 – Statewide SCIP Implementation Workshop (Phoenix)
May 23 - 25 – NPSTC PSCR Working Group Meetings (Boulder, CO)
May 28 – State Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 4 - 8 – NPSTC Quarterly Meeting (Alexandria, VA)
June 4 - 21 – Draft SCIP - second review and comment period
June 5 – Maricopa Regional Strategic Communications Migration Plan (SCMP) Workshop
June 6 – Yuma County TICP Update Workshop (Yuma)
June 11 - 15 – SAFECOM / NICSWIC / NENA Conference (Los Angeles, CA)
July 4 – State Holiday (Independence Day)
July 11 – Tucson UASI Meeting (Tucson)
July 17 - 20 – Annual Law Enforcement Pow Wow (Flagstaff)
July 17 – PSCC Meeting (Flagstaff)
July 31 – Region IX RECCWG Meeting (Sacramento, CA)
August 7 - 8 – Arizona Ambulance Association Preconference and General Membership Meeting (Prescott)
August 14 – SIEC Meeting (Phoenix)
August 19 - 22 – Arizona APCO International 78th Annual Conference & Expo (Minneapolis, MN)

Next PSCC Meeting – July 17th (1 to 3 PM) During the Annual Law Enforcement Pow-Wow

LEAF Auditorium - 911 E. Sawmill Rd.; Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Next SIEC Meeting – August 14th (10 AM to 12 PM)

ADOA 3rd Floor Conference Room - 100 N. 15th Avenue; Phoenix, AZ 85007